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SUBJECT: DEFER NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL TO THE UAE

¶1. Due to an overwhelming number of VIP visitors and local events anticipated in the month of February, Mission UAE requests that all non-essential travel to the UAE be deferred until March 15, 2010.

¶2. Mission UAE will receive an OIG Inspection and at least four VIP visits, as well as host national day events in both Abu Dhabi and Dubai, from February 14 to March 10, 2010, and does not/not have the resources to support any additional visitors during this period. In addition, the Dubai Shopping Festival begins the weekend of January 29 and runs through the end of February. Hotel space in Dubai is filling up quickly and, where rooms are available, may exceed per diem. Delegations with approved travel to Dubai must provide fiscal data as soon as possible so Post can lock-in reservations.

¶3. USG visitors should anticipate that COM is unlikely to approve additional country clearance requests to visit Abu Dhabi or Dubai between now and mid-March. Post appreciates the understanding and cooperation of USG visitors and look forward to welcoming official visits after March 15.

¶4. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED  
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